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SUBJECT: TV CHANNEL 13 INTERVIEWS TUPAMARO LEADER

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES FOLLOWING OF INTEREST IN VIEW REPORTED ARREST IN MONTEVIDEO OF SPANISH NEWSMAN JULIO CAMARERO FOR HAVING INTERVIEWED TUPAMARO LEADER. LOCAL TV CHANNLE 13'S REGULAR EARLY AND LATE EVENING NEWS BROADCASTS AUG 20 CARRIED FILM CLIP OF "EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW" BY STATION'S REPORTER JOSE LUIS (LUCHO) CORDOVA WITH UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN DESCRIBED AS TUPAMARO LEADER. WOMAN, WHO KEPT BACK TO CAMERA, REPORTEDLY INTERVIEWED SOMEWHAT IN MONTEVIDEO.

2. IN ANSWER REPORTER'S QUESTION WHY "AMERICAN POLICEMAN MITRIONE" SELECTED FOR KIDNAPPING, TAUAMARISTA ALLUDED TO MITRIONE'S ALLEGED CIA AND OTHER "DARK" ANTECEDENTS, INCLUDING ALLEGED "TORTURE INSTRUCTION" TO BRAZILIAN AND URUGUAYAN POLICE, STATING THAT THEREFORE HIS

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3. ON URUGUAYAN POLITICAL SITUATION, TUPAMARISTA ALLEGED THAT DESPITE APPEARANCES GOU IS WEAK AND ACTING OUT OF DESPERATION, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR "FANTIC" SEARCH EFFORTS AND ARREST OF TWO "MUCH LOVED" CLERGYMEN WHO MERELY SOUGHT TO HELP SECURE RELEASE OF PRISONERS. ALSO SAID TUPAMARO MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BOTH MARXISTS AND CHRISTIANS, AND THAT PARTICIPATION OF LATTER PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO FORMATION OF "NEW MAN". ADDED THAT TUMPAMAROS MUST COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH SIMILAR REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN NEIGHBORING BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA.

4. COMMENT: CHANNEL 13'S INTERVIEW PROBABLY SET UP LOCALLY THROUGH MIR OR OTHER EXTREME LEFTIST CONTACTS. REPORTERS SERVED-UP QUESTIONS GAVE TUPAMAROS PLATFORM FOR JUSTIFYING MITRIONE KILLING AND PROPAGANDIZING THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS AND ACTIONS. CHANNEL 13'S LATEST FREE RIDE FOR EXTREMISM FOLLOWS HARD ON HEELS OF STATION'S RECENT SHOWING OF FILM CLIPS ON CASTRO AND CUBA AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH HAVANA TELEVISION. MAY BE NOTED THAT CHANNEL 13'S NEWS DEPARTMENT CONTROLLED BY MEMBERS OF MAPU, EXTREME LEFT-WING BREAKAWAY FACTION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. EXEMPT.
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